The first recorded biface cache in the Willamette Valley might have remained unknown had it not been for an Abiqua Academy teacher, David Dittman, who discovered the site while clearing his land near Salem, Oregon in 2015. Recognizing its possible importance, he reached out to John Pouley of the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) to report the find. The result was a greater understanding of stewardship, increased collaboration, and public outreach regarding archaeology.

Bifaces are stone tools that can be worked into objects like knives, arrowheads, or scrapers. Removing flakes from bifaces could also provide an expedient source of sharp cutting edges. Made from obsidian from Obsidian Cliffs on the North Sister Cascades, these bifaces are likely between 1,000 and 4,000 years old. Obsidian tools, like these bifaces, were trade items that were exchanged throughout the Northwest.

This discovery has inspired important research on lithic technology, trade networks, and the site’s rich land use history. Volunteer archaeologists, specialists, and tribes collaborated to document and study the site. With Mr. Dittman’s permission, Mr. Pouley led a team to see what other information they could recover. Students from Abiqua Academy were invited on a field trip to learn about archaeological excavations, and were on-site to witness the recovery of one of the bifaces. When interviewed for an Oregon Public Broadcasting (OPB) story, the excited students were eager to discuss the possible uses of the cache.

Media outreach helped clarify misconceptions about reporting archaeological sites on private property. After the OPB article was published, the story was picked by news outlets throughout Oregon, the United States, and internationally. As a result, the SHPO was inundated with phone calls and emails from landowners, mostly in Oregon, wanting to report sites on their property or wishing to return artifacts they had.

This project continues to receive extensive support from the landowner and his family, local tribes, the archaeological community, SHPO, Heritage Division, and the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. Thanks to an enthusiastic landowner, this remarkable resource has enriched the community by connecting the past with the present, showing that the true value of artifacts is in what we can learn.
EVENTS 2017-2018

Join us for these events celebrating Oregon archaeology throughout the year! All events except those noted have handicap access.

- SEPTEMBER -

**Dog Creek Interpretive Hike**
2900 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg, 8:00 AM
Introduces people to a unique pictograph site in the Umpqua Basin. Tour departs from the Forest Service Supervisors Office. Expect to carpool from Roseburg. Hike will last 5-6 hours. Recommend bringing: backpack, camera, hiking boots, water and lunch. (Not handicap accessible)
*Sponsored by the US Forest Service*

- OCTOBER -

**“Discovering the First Americans from Underwater NW Coastal Archaeology”**
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, 7:00 PM
Quentin Mackie, University of Victoria, introduces evidence of the earliest human habitation sites being sought off the NW coastline.
*Sponsored by Oregon Archaeology Society*

**“Of Lice and Men: Archaeoentomology in the Pacific Northwest”**
Cramer Hall 41 at Portland State University, Portland, 4:00 PM
Martin Adams, Paleoinsect Research, reviews the questions insects from archaeological sites can answer in regards to climate, hygiene, and subsistence.
*Sponsored by Portland State University*

**“Not Written in Stone: What Archaeological Basketry Tells Us About America’s First Peoples”**
John C. Paulus Hall at Willamette University, Salem, 7:00 PM
Presented by Tom Connolly from University of Oregon
*Sponsored by Willamette University*

**“Seeing is Finding: Using D-Stretch Photo-Enhancement in Recording Rock Art”**
Smith Rock State Park near Redmond, 7:00 PM
Presented by David Minick and James Keyser from Oregon Archaeological Society. OPRD day pass or annual pass required for parking.
*Sponsored by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department*

**“Wonderful Rock of Oregon”**
Winchester Bay Community Center in Winchester Bay, 2:00 PM
Margaret Stallknecht offers a hands-on display and lecture about the rocks found in Oregon.
*Sponsored by Stallknecht Museum Society*

**“Seeing Beneath the Soil: Remote Sensing Techniques in Archaeology”**
Smith Rock State Park near Redmond, 7:00 PM
Presented by Rory Becker from Eastern Oregon University. OPRD day pass or annual pass required for parking
*Sponsored by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department*

**“Wonderful Rock of Oregon”**
Coos Bay Public Library in Coos Bay, 1:00 PM
*Sponsored by Stallknecht Museum Society*

**“Faith Lutheran Church in North Bend, 7:00 PM**
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Margaret Stallknecht offers a hands-on display and lecture about the rocks found in Oregon
*Sponsored by Stallknecht Museum Society*
**OCTOBER CONTINUED**

**Fri 20**  
“Challenges and Solutions to Preserving Rock Art in Central Oregon”  
Smith Rock State Park near Redmond, 7:00 PM  
Presented by Erin Woodard from Bureau of Land Management. OPRD day pass or annual pass required for parking.  
Sponsored by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

**Thur 26**  
“Rediscovering the Way to Crater Lake: Survey and Documentation of the Fort Klamath – Rogue River Wagon Road”  
Klamath County Library in Klamath Falls, 6:00 PM  
Stephen Mark and Kelly Kritzer of the National Parks Service present about an archaeological project aimed at the better documentation of the Fort Klamath – Rogue River wagon road.  
Sponsored by Klamath County Libraries

**Fri 27**  
“Archaeological Preservation Issues along the Owyhee River”  
Smith Rock State Park near Redmond, 7:00 PM  
Presented by Wilson Wewa from Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs. OPRD day pass or annual pass required for parking.  
Sponsored by Oregon Parks and Recreation Department

**Tue 31**  
“Ghosts in the Archaeology Record: Unearthing Spooks, Spirits, and Superstition”  
McMenamin’s Old St. Francis in Bend, 7:00 PM  
Join archaeologist Chelsea Rose, Southern Oregon University, for a discussion of when archaeology and the spirit world collide. Reservations are required; please contact Old St. Francis School online or at 541.382.5174  
Sponsored by Deschutes Historical Museum

**- NOVEMBER -**

**Wed-Thur 1-2**  
**Grand Ronde History and Culture Summit**  
Grand Ronde Tribal Gymnasium in Grand Ronde, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM  
Two days of interdisciplinary lectures and workshops about history, anthropology, language, the environment and strengthening community through culture. Please contact the Grand Ronde at www.grandronde.org/HCsummit or call 503.879.5211 x2248 to register.

**Thur 2**  
“The Venas Creek Mammoth of Washington State: Excavations and Current Research”  
Cramer Hall 41 at Portland State University, Portland, 4:00 PM  
Pat Lubinski, Central Washington University, discusses the results of 5 years of excavations. Includes excerpts from History Channel video.  
Sponsored by Portland State University

**Tue 7**  
“Recent Archaeological Research in Yellowstone National Park”  
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, 7:00 PM  
Beth Norton, Yellowstone National Park, discusses how archaeological sites tell the stories of people and their connections to Yellowstone National Park.  
Sponsored by Oregon Archaeology Society

**Fri-Sat 10-11, 17-18**  
**ArchaeologyFest Film Series**  
Science Works in Ashland, 7:30 PM  
The Archaeological Legacy Institute screens the best films from the Archaeology Channel International Film Festival; $7 admission fee  
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**- DECEMBER -**

**Tue 5**  
“Maritime Archaeological Projects off the Oregon Coast”  
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, 7:00 PM  
Christopher Dewey, Maritime Archaeological Society, updates on current surveys off the Oregon Coast looking for sunken ships, including the Beeswax Wreck Project.  
Sponsored by Oregon Archaeology Society
JANUARY

**Tuesday, January 2**

“Archaeology of a Pioneer Family Cemetery in Western Oregon 1854-1879”
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, 7:00 PM
Presented by Tom Connolly, University of Oregon
Sponsored by Oregon Archaeology Society

**Fridays and Saturdays, January 12-13 & 19-20**

Archaeology Fest Film Series
5th Avenue Cinema in Portland, 7:30 PM
The Archaeological Legacy Institute screens the best films from the Archaeology Channel International Film Festival; $7 admission fee
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FEBRUARY

**Tuesday, February 6**

“Cultural Resource Matters at PGE: Powering Our Future While Preserving Our Past”
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, 7:00 PM
Presented by Mini Sharma-Ogle, Portland General Electric
Sponsored by Oregon Archaeology Society

**Fridays and Saturdays, February 16-17 & 23-24**

Archaeology Fest Film Series
Boyle Education Center at Central Oregon Community College, Bend, 7:30 PM
The Archaeological Legacy Institute screens the best films from the Archaeology Channel International Film Festival; $7 admission fee.
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MARCH

**Thursday, March 1**

“Tibetans, Denisovans, and Others: Genes, Evolution, and Archaeology Meet in the High Himalayas”
John C. Paulus Hall at Willamette University, Salem, 7:30 PM
Mark Aldenderfer, University of California, discusses recent findings in ancient DNA and what they can tell us about migration across the Old World.
Sponsored by Willamette University

**Tuesday, March 6**

“A Place of Power, A Place of Petroglyphs: Importance of the Watson Rock Art Site Near Owyhee River”
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, 7:00 PM
Presented by Jenny Huang, Bureau of Land Management
Sponsored by Oregon Archaeology Society

**Wednesday-Monday, March 2-7**

Archaeology Channel International Film Festival
The Shedd Institute in Eugene, time TBD
Archaeology Channel screens the top films in the cultural heritage/archaeology genres from around the world. Visit archaeologychannel.org for details
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APRIL

**Tuesday, April 3**

“Vantage, Washington Rock Art Sites”
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, 7:00 PM
Presented by Bill Layman
Sponsored by Oregon Archaeology Society

MAY

**Tuesday, May 1**

“Thirty Years of Household Archaeology at Meier and Cathlapotle: An Update”
Oregon Museum of Science and Industry, Portland, 7:00 PM
Presented by Ken Ames, Portland State University
Sponsored by Oregon Archaeology Society

**Wednesday-Monday, May 2-7**

Archaeology Channel International Film Festival
The Shedd Institute in Eugene, time TBD
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**Albany Regional Museum**
136 Lyon Street, Albany
Welcomes locals and out of town guests with monthly events and changing exhibits, there is always something new. They offer History Bites at noon, the second Wednesday of every month. Join them for refreshments and learn about Albany history.

**Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum**
5000 Discovery Drive, The Dalles
The museum is home to numerous exhibits to help introduce visitors to the geology, flora, fauna, history, and economic development of the Gorge. Learn how balance among many competing interests is helping preserve the region for future generations.

**Columbia River Maritime Museum**
1792 Marine Drive, Astoria
Discover the stories of the legendary Columbia River Bar, one of the most dangerous passages in the world, at the nationally renowned Columbia River Maritime Museum.

**Fort Rock Valley Historical Society - Homestead Village Museum**
64 miles SE of Bend, off Hwy 31
This museum exhibits a collection of historic homesteads from the Fort Rock area, creating a time capsule of homestead life in Fort Rock. Opens for the season in May.

**Fort Stevens State Park**
1675 Peter Iredale Road, Hammond
Throughout the year, you can enjoy displays ranging from the Civil War to World War II at the military museum and information center. Visit the only Civil War era earthen fort on the west coast, or explore the many turn-of-the-century, concrete coast artillery gun batteries.

**Hallie Ford Museum of Art**
700 State Street, Salem
Located near the Oregon State Capitol in the heart of Salem, the museum's collections reflect the rich Pacific Northwest culture and explore the history of art around the world.

**High Desert Museum**
59800 US 97, Bend
Art, natural history, history and culture of the West are some of the themes of the Museum’s changing exhibits. There’s always something new to see and learn.

**Kam Wah Chung Museum**
125 NW Canton Street, John Day
Originally a Chinese medical clinic, general store, community center and residence, Kam Wah Chung gives you an incomparable glimpse into the past. Guided tours only. Tours start at the top of each hour at the Interpretive Center and last about 45 minutes (last tour at 4 p.m.).

**Lane County History Museum**
740 W 13th Avenue, Eugene
The Lane County History Museum was created to collect, preserve, and interpret Lane County’s rich heritage. The museum houses collections of national and local significance dating from the early 1800s to the present.
Linn County Historical Museum
101 Park Ave, Brownsville
The Museum's exhibits are displayed in Brownsville's original railroad depot and six Southern Pacific railroad cars. The collections cover the lives, work, and cultures of Native People, Oregon Trail immigrants, pioneer settlers, and the early families and communities of Linn County.

Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Ave, Portland
The Oregon Historical Society shares its vast collection through thought-provoking, interactive museum exhibitions that make history visible and accessible.

Tamástslikt Cultural Institute
47106 Wildhorse Boulevard, Pendleton
Experience the storied past, rich present and bright future of our tribes through interactive exhibits, special events and a Living Culture Village. More than just a museum, Tamástslikt celebrates the traditions of Cayuse, Umatilla and Walla Walla Tribes with dramatic exhibits, renowned artwork and interesting events year-round.

Tillamook Forest Center
45500 Wilson River Highway, Tillamook
Oregon's forest education and recreation center beckons from the lush green landscape of the northern Coast Range Mountains. The Tillamook State Forest has plenty of stories to tell and special places to explore.

University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History
1680 E 15th Ave, Eugene
The Museum of Natural and Cultural History enhances knowledge of Earth's environments and cultures, inspiring stewardship of our collective past, present, and future. Explore thousands of years of human history and millions of years of natural history, all under one roof.

Washington County Museum
120 E Main Street, Hillsboro
The museum offers a thorough history of the residents of Washington County. It strives to unite the past with the future with exhibits and programs that cultivate learning and cultural appreciation.

Willamette Heritage Center
1313 Mill Street SE, Salem
The Center connects generations by preserving and interpreting the history of the Mid-Willamette Valley. The fourteen historic structures on-site house permanent and changing exhibits, a research library and archive, textile learning center, and rentable event spaces. The five-acre campus is also home to retail shops, art galleries, cooperative artist studios, and offices run by partner organizations.
“Oregon Archaeology Celebration: INVITATIONS TO THE PAST”

Created by the Oregon Archaeology Celebration Committee, this traveling poster exhibit promotes Oregon’s past. It features unique annual posters from 1994 through 2017. It started its travels in 2008 and has been featured in various locations. Currently, the exhibit can be viewed at:

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
4040 Fairview Industrial Drive SE,
Salem, OR 97302

EXHIBIT SCHEDULE
Sept. 2017 through Dec. 2018
(or until a new venue is found)

OREGON ARCHAEOLOGY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
Co-Chair Jorie Clark, USDA Forest Service; Co-Chair Leslie Hickerson; Co-Chair Heather Ulrich, USDI Bureau of Land Management; Jamie French, Oregon SHPO; Leland Gilsen; Cathy Poetschat, Oregon Archaeological Society; John Pouley, Oregon SHPO; Alison Stenger, Institute for Archaeological Studies; and Alexandra Williams-Larson, AINW

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- GET INVOLVED -

Participate in archaeological and historic preservation activities and learn more about Oregon's heritage through these programs and organizations:

Passport In Time (PIT) is a volunteer public participation program for archaeological & historic projects on national forests across the country. No registration cost or fee. For more information or for a free newsletter announcing upcoming projects, contact-PIT Clearinghouse, PO Box 15728, Rio Rancho, NM 87174, or 800-281-9176

Oregon Archaeological Society is an organization that sponsors talks and educational programs about archaeology.

Open to all, meetings are held at Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in Portland the first Tuesday of each month at 7 pm from Sept. through May. For more information contact-OAS, PO Box 13293, Portland, OR 97213, or 503-727-3507.

Archaeological Society of Central Oregon is an organization of people who share an interest in the archaeology of Central Oregon. For more information, contact ASCO at PO Box 8146, Bend, OR 97708.

Your local museum or historical society may also have programs or opportunities to learn more about the history of your area. Visit or call them for information.